

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Colleen McGuigan, Treasurer
Democratic Party of Wisconsin Federal Account
222 State Street
Madison, WI 53703

Identification Number:

C00019331

Reference:

Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97)

Dear Ms. McGuigan:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-A review of the reports filed by your committee (pertinent portion(s) attached) indicates that your committee received a transfer(s) from ASDC/Dollars for Democrats which has not been disclosed on their report(s) of receipts and disbursements. Please provide clarifying information regarding the source of the transfer(s) received by your committee.

-You have made disbursements for GOTV-phones, GOTV-Bank(s) and GOTV-printing which you have characterized as exempt activities. In order for an activity to be classified as exempt, it must meet the following conditions: (1) For slate cards and sample ballots: it names at least three candidates running for election to any public office, it is not distributed through public political advertising (including broadcast media, newspapers, magazines, and billboards), the content is limited to the identification of each candidate, the office or position currently held, the office sought and party affiliation, and the costs allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds; (2) For campaign materials: the activity is conducted on behalf of the party's nominees in the general election, the materials are distributed by volunteers—not through public political advertising, the party committee does not use materials purchased by the national party committee or money transferred from the national

committee to purchase materials, the party committee does not use funds designated for a particular federal candidate, a payment from a non-federal campaign to help pay for the materials does not exceed its allocated share of the expenses, and the costs allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds; (3) For voter drives: the activity is on behalf of the party's Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, the activity does not involve the use of public political advertising such as television, radio, newspapers, magazines, billboards or direct mail, phone banks are operated by volunteers (although paid professionals may design the system, develop calling instructions and train supervisors), the party committee does not use funds transferred by the national party committee for voter drive activities, the party committee does not use funds designated for a particular federal candidate, and the cost allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds.

If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above, and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, this amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate. Please provide the Commission with a more detailed explanation of these activities.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses activity which is 100% federal. For future reporting, please be advised that any activity which is financed entirely by the federal account (including administrative expenses), should be reported on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b). 11 CFR §106.5

-Note: Please be advised that the ballot composition ratio for allocation of administrative and generic voter drive expenses should be the same for the full two-year election cycle.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Jennifer K. Wall

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